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IN VACATION.

Pleading in Verse.—One of the best instances of pleading in verse is found among the court records of Robeson county, prior to the civil war and prior to the adoption of the present code practice, when it was custom to plead by the mere entering of memoranda in civil cases on the trial docket.

A maiden lady of doubtful age, named Miss Margaret Patterson, brought an action of trespass on the case in trover against her neighbor, William McKay, for the conversion of her slave. The case was stated as follows:

Margaret Patterson

vs.

William McKay.

Trespass on the Case—Trover.

The attorney for the defendant wrote on the docket opposite the case the following:

"Billy McKay, for his satisfaction,
Demands of Miss Margaret the cause of her action,
And wants to know why in this public place,
She has undertaken to sue him in 'case.'"

The plaintiff's attorney, seeing the entry on the docket in verse, replied thereto as follows:

"Miss Margaret replies, with a kind of a snigger,
Why, Billy, you know you converted my nigger,
Converted him not to the God of the sinner,
But converted him to cash, and you're the winner.
So having received and failed to pay over,
You're therefore sued in action of Trover."

—Central Law Journal.

When the Doctor Won.—A lawyer and a doctor were arguing over the merits of their respective professions. "I don't say that all lawyers are not straight," said the doctor, "but you will admit that your profession doesn't make angels of men." "No," retorted the lawyer, "you doctors certainly have the best of us there."—The London P. T. O.